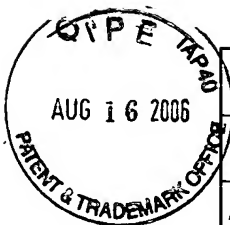


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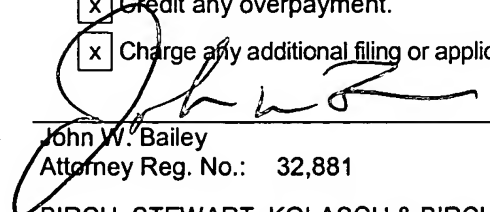
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated May 16, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.